

The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet, Act III, by William Shakespeare

Open-Book Test

Short Answer Write your responses to the questions in this section on the lines provided.

1. In Act III, Scene i, lines 11–13, of *The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet*, Mercutio describes Benvolio like this:

Come, come, thou art as hot a Jack in thy mood as any in Italy; and
as soon moved to be moody, and as soon moody to be moved.

Paraphrase this passage. Then explain whether this description fits Benvolio.

2. In Act III, Scene i, of *The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet*, Tybalt challenges Romeo to a duel, but Romeo refuses to fight. Reread lines 65–69, and explain why Romeo will not draw his sword.

3. Three kinds of dramatic speech are soliloquy, aside, and monologue. What kind of speech does Romeo give in *The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet*, Act III, Scene i, lines 107–113? Explain your answer.

4. Why is the Prince so upset about the fray in Act III, Scene i, of *The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet*? Base your answer on the meaning of *fray*.

5. Describe the punishment the Prince decrees for Romeo at the end of Act III, Scene i, in *The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet*. Infer and explain why the Prince chooses this punishment.

6. At the beginning of Act III, Scene ii, of *The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet*, what is the stage direction for Juliet? What type of dramatic speech given by Juliet in lines 1–31 is indicated by this stage direction?

7. In Act III, Scene ii, of *The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet*, Nurse tries to tell Juliet that Romeo has killed Tybalt, but the two characters misunderstand each other. Paraphrase Juliet's question in line 64, and explain why she says this.

What storm is this that blows so contrary?

8. In Act III, Scene v, Juliet tries to prove to Romeo that it is still night and that he does not have to leave yet. Find Romeo's speech in which he convinces her to let him go. Give the line numbers of the speech, and briefly explain what he says.

9. When Juliet tells her parents she does not want to marry Paris, in *The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet*, her father becomes upset and thinks she is an ungrateful daughter. Paraphrase Juliet's response to him in Act III, Scene v, lines 147-149.

10. In Act III, Romeo and Juliet both face problems caused by their secret love. In the Venn diagram that follows, list Romeo and Juliet's particular predicaments as well as the one(s) they share.

